

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the first paragraph in the specification, which begins, "This application takes its priority from copending PCT/US02/00476...", and replace it with the below paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part application of PCT/US02/00476, filed January 3, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/771,669, filed January 30, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,984,667, which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/056,707, filed April 8, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,689,748.